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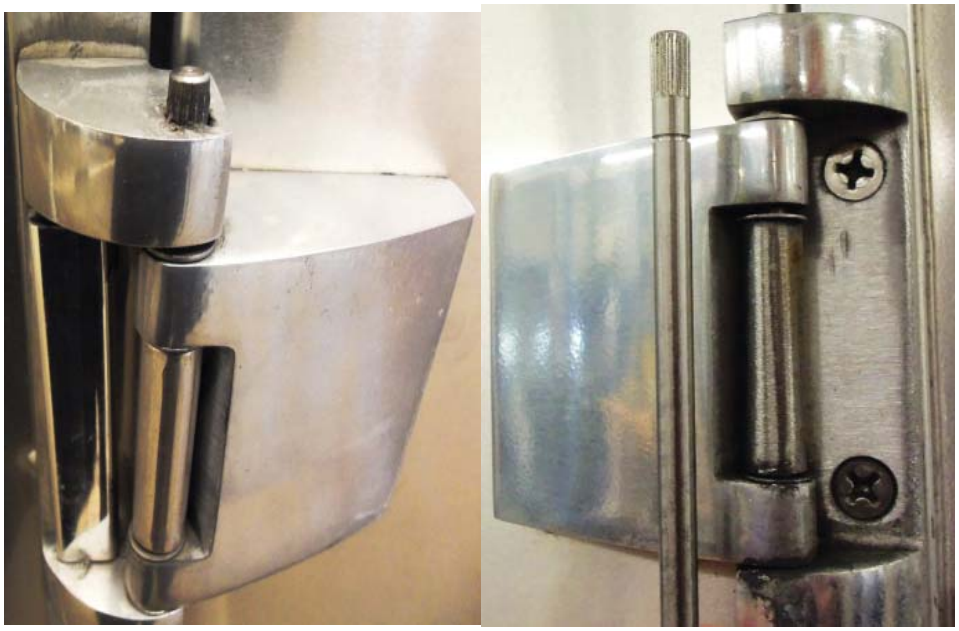
Greetings, I can't believe I am doing my first article for 2011 already. I am beginning to believe that as we grow older, the pace at which we age increases also. It is hard to believe that in just 2-3 months we will be enjoying the warmth of spring and we will be hitting the road in our Airstreams full bore for another fun season of exploring!

"This and That"

Main Door Hinge Pin with "C" Clip

Here is an answer to the question on "how do I keep the main door hinge pin from working out of the castings?" First thought would be to make sure you lubricate the hinge pin at the joints between the inner and outer hinge joints. If the door is not lubricated on a regular basis (once a month, when possible, with something such as graphite or silicone spray) the pin can, over time, begin to collect dirt and or oxidize. The door hinges will then start to bind and can cause the pin to move in the casting versus pivoting on the hinge pin (eventually working its way up). The symptoms will be a door that opens hard or squeaks when opening and the pin can work its way up out of the castings.



Airstream has added a groove to the hinge pin that accepts a “C” clip that is installed at the top hinge joint once the pin has been inserted into the castings.

- The part # for the main door hinge pin is 381552-100 & the C clip is 381552-101. This hinge pin will also work on Classic motorhome door hinges as well.

Land Yacht MH Main Door Seam and sealant

I received a call recently asking about what was wrong with the bottom of the main door on their Airstream Land Yacht motorhome. The door appeared to be bulging and looked as if it was rotting out at the bottom on the inside door panel. I explained to them about the exterior rub rail molding and how that actually covers up a seam in the fiberglass and if not maintained will allow water to enter into the door and ruin the door. They went out and checked and found that the sealant had separated along the top of the molding and he could see where the water was coming in. They called back to thank me and said you should put this in your monthly column. They are very meticulous and would have checked this sealer if they had known. (The construction of the doors on the different models of motorhomes vary and some may not have the seam behind the molding, but you should always inspect the sealants on your Airstream at least annually.) I told them I would mention this in a future article.

Foil Bubble insulation used between floor and chassis

(Single Bubble Flexfoil Part Number 203239**)**

2006 Model year trailers were the start of Foil/Bubble insulation across the board on Airstream trailers, this replaced the pink fiberglass insulation that had been used previously. Foil Bubble insulation was first used with the start of the slide out trailers (1999).

Airstream is having a Birthday!!!
All units built in 2011 will have a badge helping to celebrate 80 years manufacturing Airstream products.

Al McInnes has retired after 38 years in the RV Industry and 28 years with Airstream
Al McInnes was Airstream Director of Sales, for the Western Region; he has retired as of January 31, 2011. I am sure that at some show or Rally you have had a chance to visit with Al and knew of his commitment to Airstream and all the owners of its products.

Thank you Al !!!

What did you say?

These are actual quotes of what people said in court, word for word:

Q: What was the first thing your husband said to you when he woke that morning?
A: He said, "Where am I, Cathy?"
Q: And why did that upset you?
A: My name is Susan.

Q: Trooper, when you stopped the defendant, were your red and blue lights flashing?
A: Yes.
Q: Did the defendant say anything when she got out of her car?
A: Yes, sir.
Q: What did she say?
A: What disco am I at?

Q: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?
A: Gucci sweats and Reeboks

Have a great month and we will see you on down the road!

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